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The Year Closes

The closing of this week will mark the passing of another year. The result of the year's labors will then be closed. If we have failed to make proper use of it it is now too late to make amends. But as the New Year just ahead has not been touched, we should make well of its opportunity. Resolutions are freely made and easily broken with most people. While the new year is a good time to begin new ways, if they are better, it is well to study ourselves and learn if we can make good a resolution before we make it. A will and determination to do fall down every time when it meets an impossibility. Talents are a gift whether we have one or ten. But we have no moral right to "bury" our talent. We must make the proper use of our gifts or answer for it to the Great Judge, and to ourselves as well.

Decrease in Coal Production

Coal production in Kentucky decreased thirty seven per cent. during 1921, when 534 mines worked on an average of only ninety days for each mine during the year, according to a review of the coal industry for the State made by L. Blenkinsopp, chief inspector of mines.

For a month the mines of the State have practically been shut down, and it is estimated that 30,000 men who were employed in them are idle, according to the review.

The decrease in production was largely due to depression of the coal market, which caused small mines to close down and larger ones to decrease production to a minimum, Mr. Blenkinsopp found.

In 1920 Kentucky had 834 mines operating; each on an average of 187 days for the year. There have been approximately 300 mines closed down all year, leaving 534 working on an average of ninety days for each mine during the year.

Will Move to Clay City

W. R. Eubank, the well known insurance and real estate man, will move his office and family from Winchester to Clay City. Mr. Eubank does considerable business annually in Powell county, and he feels that there is a better outlook for his line in Clay City than in Winchester where the insurance business is at present being over worked.

Christmas Entertainment

The entertainment at the Methodist church Thursday night, notwithstanding the heavy rain, was well attended and many nice presents distributed. The program was well rendered and did credit to those participating.

Undergoes Operation

Sidney Baker, son of Wm. Baker, was stricken with appendicitis last week and was taken to the hospital at Winchester where he underwent an operation which he stood well and is now recovering.

F. & A. M. Elect Officers

Powell Lodge No. 645 F. & A. M. met at their hall in this city December 27th, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Wm. Armour, W. M.
Otis Powell, S. W.
W. B. Lunsford, J. W.
Shelby Martin, Treas.
Edward Rose, Sec'y.
W. C. Martin, Tyler.
J. A. Williams, S. D.
H. G. Crabtree, J. D.
W. T. McGuire, Steward.
F. G. Powell, Steward.
Eugene Freeman, Chaplain.

How the Vote Changes

Casey county went Republican in 1920 by 1750 votes. This fall the same county elected a Democratic County Judge by 400; Democratic Sheriff by 200 and Democratic County Attorney by 100. The other county officers elected were Republicans as usual. This is not mentioned to show an abrupt turning of the voters in Casey but to show the independency of the voters in local races. Powell has a sample of the same methods. Likewise does our neighbor county of Wolfe.

Rev. Matherly Makes Change

Rev. D. H. Matherly, who formerly pastored the Christian church in Clay City, and resided here, and who, for the past several years, has had charge of the Second Christian church, Richmond, has resigned that pastorate and accepted a position with Kentucky State Board of Religious work with headquarters at Catlettsburg where he will move the first of the year.

Family Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mountz, Sr., entertained at dinner Tuesday all members of their family. Mr. Mountz was eighty-one years old Dec. 23 and Mrs. Mountz was 78 Tuesday. The family visited Mrs. Emma Mountz Wednesday and took dinner, making the second re-union of the family during the holidays.

At the Christian Church

The entertainment at the Christian church Saturday night was well rendered, and well received by all. Many presents were distributed, a good crowd attended, and enjoyed the exercises. Santa Claus was especially attractive in his witty and appropriate remarks.

Tanlac, that celebrated medicine, makes you eat better, feel better, sleep better and work better. Sold by C. Shimfessel.

Sells Small Place

J. B. Shoemaker has sold to P. B. Kirk thirteen acres of cut over timbered land near Waltersville for \$175.00. This land adjoins Mr. Kirk's farm that he purchased recently from John Maxwell.

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Old Kentucky Home

An "Old Kentucky Home" is to be built in the Kentucky State Fair grounds from logs and timbers supplied by the different counties of the state, the Home to have all the furnishings that still make the Old Kentucky Home a delightful reality to many and a fond recollection to many more. This project has been pronounced a happy thought by Commissioner Hanna and members of the State Fair commission as well as members of the Kentucky Historical Society. It is the idea to set aside one acre and a half of ground for the project.

It has been suggested that the newspapers of the state take up in their respective counties the task of securing a log or logs and naming a representative of the county to come to Louisville and help erect the building. The plan is to have the house built just as was done in pioneer times when every man in the community joined in at the house raising, but in this case every county in the State will have a hand at actually building the Old Kentucky Home. In this project the Times is on the job.

School Closes

The Waltersville consolidated school closed Friday after a most successful term taught by Prof. F. P. Tracy and Miss Etta Bowman. It seems that Prof. Tracy's services are always in demand for he will begin the Barker school near Slade next Monday. This school has had one month taught on it, leaving five months for Prof. Tracy to teach.

High Water

Following the heavy rains Friday and Saturday morning, the river got pretty high. The water was over the Winchester road at Waltersville, but not enough to stop automobile traffic. This was risky, and a similar venture near Louisville cost a young lady her life Friday. The machine skidded to the side of the road into deeper water. This is liable to happen at Waltersville. The road should be raised at this point to above the ordinary high water mark.

Lairson Sells Store

John Lairson has sold his grocery store and leased the building one year to J. H. Pitts, of Lee county, who will continue the business.

Read Our Classified Column

Read our classified column each week. It is there you will find farms for sale, lost articles and stray notices.

We desire to express our gratitude to the members of our church and the kind people of Clay City for their sympathy and devotion as shown in so many acts and deeds of kindness during our illness, also to Dr. W. C. Martin for his efficient and faithful professional services.

Rev. J. R. Nelson and family.

STANTON.

Dr. A. T. Knox, Thompson Station, was here Tuesday on business.

Sebert Faulkner, Bowen, was the week-end guest of his sister, Mrs. S. F. Kalor.

Miss Margaret Dee Mansfield spent Monday night in Lexington the guest of relatives.

Mrs. M. F. Atkinson and baby are visiting relatives at Irvine and Lexington this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Chaney, Covington, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Chaney last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mardis, Covington, were guests Sunday night and Monday of Dr. C. D. Mansfield.

The Masons gave their annual oyster dinner Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ewen.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Wills and son Woodford, were guests Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Faulkner.

Mr. and Mrs. Stark Kalor have moved into their new dwelling recently completed in the Profit addition.

Mrs. John S. Oaks and Mrs. Jennie Yocum were guests Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. James Oaks at Bowen.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Welch and children, Rosslyn, were guests Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Stephens.

Mrs. Effie Smith is spending the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Louis Martin, and Mr. Martin at Moorefield.

Miss Pearl Adams, Nashville, Tenn., is here to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Elbert Peters and Mr. Peters.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Atkinson, Pine Grove, are spending the holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Atkinson.

Mrs. Sallie F. Martin and son, Earl Martin, North Bend, were guests several days last week of Mrs. Chas. Coulee and Mrs. J. M. Welch.

Miss Arminta Ewell, who is attending Stanton College, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mont Ewell near Carlisle.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ruse and daughter, Miss Mildred Crowe, Paintsville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tipton from Friday till Tuesday.

Mrs. Walter Johnson and Mrs. John Grooms and two children, of Clark county, were guests Tuesday of their grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Jackson.

Mr and Mrs. Wm. Hardwick, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Crawford and daughter, Martell, went to Lexington Saturday night to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Cowgill.

T. G. Skidmore has purchased the Dr. Lemming property on church street and took possession Thursday the 22nd. Lennie Crow, who has been living there for the past year has moved to Mrs. Conleton's property near

Personal Paragraphs

Mrs. A. Easter is visiting her son, Jesse Watts, in Clark county.

Mrs. T. G. White spent Tuesday with Mrs. R. A. McConagha at Stanton.

Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Rose, of Clark county spent Christmas day with home folks.

Mrs. Mary Hall, of Mt. Sterling, spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Shimfessel.

Mrs. Julia White, of Middletown, O., is here visiting her parents, and daughter, Miss Mabel Martin.

Misses Ann and Grace Conlee, of Stanton, are visiting their cousins, Misses Lillie and Ruth Burzher.

Frank Wright, of Fayette county, is spending the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends on Hardwick's Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Hackworth and Mrs. Myrtle Burgher, of Ravenna, spent Xmas day with the family of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson.

Miss Grace Phillips, from Winchester, spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Bettie Phillips. Her sister, Miss Mabel Phillips, returned to Winchester with her.

Wm. Mountz, Jr. returns today to Bell Point where he has been engaged since last February as head bookkeeper for the Old Dominion Transportation Company.

Gilbert White, of Transylvania College, is spending the holidays with home folks. Gilbert was not looking so well when he first came, but is picking up since returning home.

Herman Koontz, of Monticello, Ky., was down from Fixer, where he holds a position with the Swiss Oil Corporation and spent from Saturday till Monday with friends.

Mrs. Nick Hall and three daughters, little Misses Bernice, Florence and Nellie, and son, Duet, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnson Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Daniel, of Lexington, spent a few days the first of the week with relatives. Mr. Daniel has the State patent right for one of the best improvements for operating a Ford machine we have seen.

Dorris T. Mize, of Louisville, spent Christmas day with relatives here. Mr. Mize has made it a custom since locating in Louisville to always spend at least a part of the holidays in his old home.

the Court House.

County Clerk, I. S. Boone, reports the following marriage licenses for December: George W. Gregory, 31, Fixer, and Miss Effie Chester, 20, Torrent; Dudley Brewer, 19, Pilot, and Miss Viola Haywood, 18, Powco; George Crowe, 25, Bowen, and Miss Milla Baker, 20, Bowen; B. F. Hampton, 24, Furnace, and Miss Mary Frances Brandenburg, 20, Knowlton; Walter Frazier, 26, Patsey, and Miss Sudie Ballard, 18, Furnace.